

BORA LASKIN LAW LIBRARY



3 1761 03869 4592

An Introduction to legal  
materials.  
1993 revision

Storage  
KF  
240  
I5  
1993

Storage

15

2000

25

1992

APC-7244

BORA LASKIN LAW LIBRARY

MAY 20 1994

FACULTY OF LAW  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

AN INTRODUCTION


TO

LEGAL MATERIALS

1993 REVISION

These materials are for the use of students in the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto and are not otherwise intended for publication or commercial sale. All rights reserved.

FACULTY OF LAW  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



Digitized by the Internet Archive  
in 2018 with funding from  
University of Toronto



## TABLE OF CONTENTS

### CHAPTER ONE: AN INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL RESEARCH AND CITATION

|     |   |    |
|-----|---|----|
| (a) | Introduction . . . . .                  | 1  |
| (b) | Sources of Law. . . . .                 | 1  |
| (c) | The Process of Legal Research . . . . . | 2  |
| (d) | Anatomy of a Case Report. . . . .       | 4  |
| (e) | Case Citation . . . . .                 | 6  |
| (f) | Other Research Guides . . . . .         | 11 |

### CHAPTER TWO: CANADIAN CASES - ABRIDGEMENTS AND DIGESTS

|     |  |    |
|-----|--|----|
| (a) | The Canadian Abridgement: Introduction . . . . .   | 13 |
| (b) | The Canadian Abridgement: Finding Cases . . . . .  | 14 |
| (c) | The Canadian Abridgement: Updating Cases and Finding Cases<br>Judicially Considered. . . . . | 18 |
| (d) | Canadian Law Online . . . . .  | 20 |
| (e) | All Canada Weekly Summaries . . . . .  | 21 |
| (f) | Lawyer's Weekly . . . . .  | 22 |
| (g) | Maritime Law Book's Digest and Index System . . . . .  | 23 |
| (h) | D.L.R. Annotation Service . . . . .  | 25 |
| (i) | Miscellaneous . . . . .  | 28 |

### CHAPTER THREE: CANADIAN CASES - LAW REPORTS

|     |   |    |
|-----|---|----|
| (a) | General Classifications of Law Reports. . . . .           | 29 |
| (b) | Report Series from the Federal Courts . . . . .           | 30 |
| (c) | The Dominion Law Reports. . . . .                         | 32 |
| (d) | Report Series from Provincial Courts. . . . .             | 33 |
| (e) | Subject-Based Report Series . . . . .                     | 35 |
| (f) | Reports of Decisions by Administrative Tribunals. . . . . | 37 |
| (g) | Unreported Cases. . . . .                                 | 38 |

#### CHAPTER FOUR: CANADIAN SECONDARY SOURCES - PERIODICALS AND THE CANADIAN ENCYCLOPEDIA DIGEST

|   |    |
|---|----|
| (a) The Canadian Encyclopedic Digest. . . . . | 39 |
| (b) Periodical Indices. . . . .               | 41 |

#### CHAPTER FIVE: CANADIAN STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

|   |    |
|---|----|
| (a) Introduction to Statutes. . . . .       | 44 |
| (b) Citation of Statutes. . . . .           | 46 |
| (c) Finding a Federal Statute . . . . .     | 48 |
| (d) Updating Federal Statutes . . . . .     | 50 |
| (e) Finding an Ontario Statute. . . . .     | 52 |
| (f) Updating Ontario Statutes . . . . .     | 53 |
| (g) Introduction to Regulations . . . . .   | 54 |
| (h) Citation of Regulations . . . . .       | 55 |
| (i) Finding a Federal Regulation. . . . .   | 57 |
| (j) Finding an Ontario Regulation . . . . . | 59 |

#### CHAPTER SIX: ENGLISH LAW

|  |    |
|--|----|
| (a) Introduction. . . . .  | 61 |
| (b) English Cases: The English Reports and the Revised Reports . . | 61 |
| (c) English Cases: The Law Reports . . . . .                       | 63 |
| (d) English Cases: Other Report Series . . . . .                   | 67 |
| (e) Citation of English Cases . . . . .                            | 70 |
| (f) English Statutes. . . . .                                      | 71 |
| (g) Citation of English Statutes. . . . .                          | 73 |
| (h) English Regulations . . . . .                                  | 74 |
| (i) English Digests and Encyclopedias . . . . .                    | 76 |

## CHAPTER SEVEN: AMERICAN LAW

|     |   |    |
|-----|---|----|
| (a) | Introduction. . . . .   | 79 |
| (b) | American Cases: Federal Courts . . . . .                                      | 79 |
| (c) | American Cases: State Courts . . . . .  | 81 |
| (d) | American Cases: Subject Reports. . . . .                                      | 82 |
| (e) | Finding American Cases: West's Digests and<br>Corpus Juris Secundum . . . . . | 84 |
| (f) | Finding American Cases: American Law Reports . . . . .                        | 90 |
| (g) | Finding American Cases: Shepard's Citation System. . . . .                    | 92 |
| (h) | American Statutes and Regulations . . . . .                                   | 93 |
| (i) | American Secondary Sources. . . . .   | 94 |

## CHAPTER EIGHT: APPENDICES

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Appendix One: Conversion of Calendar Years to Regnal Years. . . . . | 96  |
| Appendix Two: Abbreviations . . . . .                               | 101 |

